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1. A correction tape dispenser comprising a tape comprising a carrier ribbon with correction composition thereon, supply and take-up spools for the tape, a tip having an edge for pressing the tape against a surface, a portion of the tape between the supply and take-up spools being guided to extend around said edge, wherein the edge is inclined to the feed direction in which the tape is guided to the tip, and the tip includes guide means on either side of the edge for redirecting the tape so that the path of the tape around the edge between the guide means is in a plane substantially perpendicular to said edge and inclined to the feed direction.

2. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the guide means on at least one side of the edge comprises a linear edge around which the tape passes from one side to the other side thereof.

3. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 2, wherein the linear edges are provided on both sides and are defined by parallel ridges.

4. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 3, wherein the tape extends to the inner faces of the respective ridges from the supply and take-up spools, respectively.

5. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 1, wherein tape positioning means are provided to determine a first fixed position from which the tape passes to the tip in the feed direction, and a second fixed position to which the tape passes after leaving the tip.

6. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 5 wherein the tip is provided by a unitary member and said tape positioning means are attached to said tip member.

7. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the guide means on at least one side of the tip comprises a guide element around which the tape passes to define a bend in the tape path.

8. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 7, wherein the guide element is arranged to maintain the tape at the bend substantially perpendicular to the tip edge.

9. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 8, wherein the tape is twisted longitudinally through substantially 90° between the guide element and the tip edge.

10. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 9, wherein the guide element defines an arcuate surface contacted by the tape and ^{the arcuate surface as} having an axis substantially perpendicular to a plane containing the tip edge and parallel to the feed direction.

11. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 8, wherein the guide element comprises a lateral projection on a tip member supporting the tip edge.

12. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 7, wherein guide elements are provided on both sides of the tip.

13. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the supply and take-up spools have rotational

axes substantially perpendicular to a plane containing the tip edge and parallel to the tape feed direction.

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14. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the tip edge direction and the feed direction are at an angle in the range of about 45° to 75° to each other.

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15. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 1, wherein retaining means are provided adjacent at least one side of the tip edge for maintaining the tape in correct cooperation with said edge.

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16. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 15, wherein the retaining means comprises a pair of projections between which the tape passes.

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17. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 16, wherein an element extends between the projections to prevent the tape becoming disengaged therefrom.

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18. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 15, wherein the tape retaining means is arranged to define with the tip a ~~substantially closed~~ eye through which the tape passes.

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19. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 18, wherein the retaining means comprises a pair of oppositely directed L-shaped projections, a slot being formed between the projections to allow the tape to be inserted through the eye.

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20. A correction tape dispenser according to claim 18, wherein the retaining means comprises a part surrounding the tip to form an eye on either side thereof.

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~~21.~~ 18 A correction tape dispenser according to claim 20, wherein said retaining part is a collar engaged with a push fit over the tip edge.

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~~22.~~ A correction tape dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the tip edge is provided with extension portions to reduce the chances of the tape becoming displaced over an end extremity of the tip edge.

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~~23.~~ A correction tape dispenser according to claim 1, further including a case enclosing the supply and take-up spools, the case being elongated substantially in the feed direction.